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Via Hand Delivery

David Waddell
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RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long Distance (InterLATA) Service in
Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Docket No.
97-00309

Dear David:

Enclosed for filing are the original and 13 copies of the petition of KMC Telecom III, Inc. and
KMC Telecom V, Inc. for leave to intervene in the above proceeding, along with my check in the
amount of \$50.00 in payment of the filing fee.

Copies are being served on counsel for parties of record.

Sincerely,



H. LaDon Baltimore
LDB/dcg
Enclosures

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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**IN RE: BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S ENTRY INTO LONG
DISTANCE (INTERLATA) SERVICE IN TENNESSEE PURSUANT TO
SECTION 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

DOCKET NO. 97-00309

**PETITION OF KMC TELECOM III, INC. AND
KMC TELECOM V, INC. FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

KMC Telecom III, Inc. and KMC Telecom V, Inc., pursuant to T.C.A. §4-5-310, petition the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to grant them leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and to participate as their interests may appear, and for grounds state that:

1. KMC Telecom III, Inc. (KMC III) and KMC Telecom V, Inc. ("KMC V") are Delaware corporations, both of which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of KMC Telecom Holdings, Inc., a publicly-held Delaware corporation. KMC III and KMC V are duly qualified to do business in Tennessee and hold certificates of public convenience and necessity authorizing them to provide interLATA, interexchange telecommunications services and to operate as Competing Telecommunications Service Providers in intrastate commerce in the State of Tennessee.

2. The legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests of KMC III and KMC V will be affected or determined by the outcome of this proceeding.

3. The participation of KMC III and KMC V will not impair the interest of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding.

4. KMC III and KMC V seek to intervene and participate as their interests may appear.

Premises considered, the Petitioners pray that:

1. An order be entered allowing KMC III and KMC V to intervene and participate in this proceeding as their interests may appear and to receive copies of any notices, orders, or other documents that are filed herein; and

2. The Petitioners have such other, further, and general relief as the justice of its cause may entitle them to receive.

Respectfully submitted,



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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been forwarded via U. S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, to the following, this 19th day of July, 2001.

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